

DOUBLE EXECUTION.

Two Chinese Murderers Suffer the Last Penalty of the Law.

WITH DECORUM AND PRECISION.

For the first time in good many years capital punishment has been administered in this Kingdom. On Tuesday morning two Chinese murderers—Ahaia and Akana—paid the last penalty of the law on the scaffold. Marshal Soper and all the officers under his direction carried out the disagreeable duty devolving upon them with decorum and precision. The execution was strictly private—only officers of the law, physicians, members of the band and of the press, and a few others rendering special service, being present, viz.: Marshal J. H. Soper, Deputy Marshals C. L. Hopkins and C. Creighton; Capt. Staples, Jailor of Oahu Prison; Doctors C. T. Rodgers (prison physician), J. H. Kimball, F. L. Miner and C. B. Wood; Messrs. J. Emmelhuth, Prison Inspector; H. M. Dow, Deputy Warden Oahu Prison; F. W. Damon, Chinese missionary; S. M. Graham, Marshal's Clerk; J. Hopp, carpenter, J. W. Kahua, J. L. Kanikoua, L. Cheung, interpreter; H. H. Williams, undertaker; Kim Cha, and representatives of the ADVERTISER, Bulletin and Elele.

Ahaia was convicted at the November Term of the Third Judicial Circuit Court at Waimea, Hawaii, of the murder of David Kapahue at Puna on September 24. Justice Bickerton pronounced sentence of death upon him, November 27th, and the date of his execution was fixed for Monday, February 23rd. On the 22d of that month, Ahaia was granted a respite until March 5th, in acknowledgment of the Privy Council of a petition from various Chinese merchants for commutation of sentence. This petition was disallowed almost unanimously.

Akana was convicted at the same term of the murder of Ah Sing at Napoona on Nov. 3d, receiving the sentence of death on Nov. 29th. His execution was appointed originally for the day on which it occurred. Although Ahaia was proved to have been deeply concerned in the murder for which he had to suffer death, it was generally believed that the principal in the deed was his countryman, who folled the course of justice by committing suicide with poison on board the steamer W. G. Hall while being conveyed to Honolulu to await trial. Akana had no accomplice so far as known, and it will be remembered, made an attempt to obliterate evidence of his guilt by burning the body of his victim in the house they had jointly occupied.

Ever since the fate of the two malefactors was sealed they bore themselves with the characteristic stolidity of their race. During the last ten days of their lives they were calm, and it was only on the morning of the execution that they showed signs of nervousness. They were taken to the gallows at 8 o'clock, and the double execution was fixed for Tuesday morning between the hours of 8 and 12 o'clock. At 8 o'clock the execution of the gallows was begun. It was an apparatus used on a former occasion and was soon in position, at the rear end of the main corridor in the yard. A temporary inclined platform led from the floor up to the trap.

About 7 o'clock the doomed men were taken to the prison office, where Mr. Damon and the official interpreter remained with them. A few moments after eight Marshal Soper, interpreted by L. Cheung, read to them the decrements. These were expressed in large characters and bound with red ribbons. It was a quarter after eight when the march to the scaffold took place, Mr. Damon accompanying the prisoners and speaking gently to them in their own language. All three knelt while the minutes of prayer. Officers then pincioned their hands and feet over their decent black Chinese costume, the deep black caps were drawn down to their shoulders, and with a little delay as possible the nooses were adjusted about the neck of each. During all this ordeal the men bore themselves calmly, and not a word or a murmur did they utter. Ahaia, the elder one—he being fifty-one years old while Akana was only twenty-five—near the close showed signs of weakness and was supported by an officer.

Mr. Damon offered a brief prayer and on his pronouncing "Amen" a private signal was given. The cord attached to the bolt and running into an inner room was pulled. It stuck first with an audible click, but the response was only for an instant. At 8:25 sharp the trap flew down and was pulled back on its hinges by a counter-weight. The men had a drop of eight or nine feet, and death was undoubtedly instantaneous. Ahaia never moved a muscle again, while a very slight twitching of Akana's left fingers, noticed in four minutes, was not considered by the physicians as indicating feeling. At the end of twelve minutes the physicians made an examination and pronounced both men dead. When hanging twenty-five minutes the bodies were lowered into plain deal coffins painted black on the outside, and without any exposure of the features having been made the lids were quickly nailed down. This operation, however, revealed the fact that both men's necks were broken. Within the hour a wagon departed from the gate with the coffins for interment at Makiki Cemetery.

It was the unanimous verdict of all present that the execution could not have been carried out in a more decent, skillful and humane manner than was the case. This is all the more creditable to the police and prison officials when it is remembered that such a disagreeable duty has not had to be performed in this Kingdom for a long time previous, and if the writer is not mistaken, never in the official experience here of any of those now concerned. The following is the official medical certificate added to the records of the cases:

We, the undersigned physicians do hereby certify that we were present at the execution of Ahaia and Akana, and saw them hanged by the neck until they were dead at 8:25 a. m. of the morning of March 5th, A. D. 1889, and after hanging for the space of twenty-five minutes we did pronounce them to be fully dead, and so certified to the Marshal.

CHAS. T. RODGERS, M. D.,
J. H. KIMBALL, M. D.,
J. H. KIMBALL, M. D.

Nothing more plainly shows how rigidly the Marshal adhered to the rule of privacy—despite many requests for admission to satisfy curiosity—than the fact that the only persons available to sign the required citizens' certificate were those admitted on the invitations to the press, representing in the order of their names, as below, the Bulletin, ADVERTISER and Elele:

WEAVER TAYLOR,
DANIEL LOGAN,
JOHN LEWIS.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL.

Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees—Reports for the Period.

A quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Queen's Hospital was held at the room of the Chamber of Commerce, at 10 o'clock on Tuesday, when the usual reports were received, and various matters of interest to the institution were discussed and acted upon.

The Treasurer stated the amount of \$2,031.18 as due him and reported the amount of \$2,590 of the money on hand from receipt on account of Queen Emma's legacy fund, placed in the Postal Savings Bank.

The physician's quarterly report was read by the Secretary, as follows:

HONOLULU, Feb. 28, 1889.
To the Trustees of the Queen's Hospital, Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report for the quarter ending Feb. 28, 1889:

The total number of patients at present in the hospital is 50; viz., 31 Hawaiians, 18 males, 13 females, 1 Chinese, 4 Japanese and 14 of other nationalities; 16 paying.

The number of admissions during the quarter was 75; viz., 42 Hawaiians, (27 males, 15 females), 6 Chinese, 10 Japanese and 17 of other nationalities.

Discharged, 55; viz., 26 Hawaiians, (16 males, 10 females), 5 Chinese, 6 Japanese and 18 of other nationalities.

Deaths, 9; viz., 3 Hawaiian males, 3 Chinese, 2 Japanese and 1 German.

The causes of death were as follows: Burn 3, consumption 1, diabetes 1, typhoid fever 1, injury 1, scrofula 1, bilious fever 1.

The highest number of indoor patients was 50, lowest 37; daily average 45. Calls at the dispensary 123. Number of prescriptions 1004.

The number of patients treated in the Hospital was as follows: December, 1888, 70; January, 1889, 65; February, 1889, 70. Respectfully submitted,
RONALD McKIMM.

The Visiting Committee suggested in their report the propriety of having portraits of the founders of the Queen's Hospital, Their Majesties King Kamehameha IV. and Queen Emma, placed in a suitable and prominent position in the institution, which suggestion was by resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees, and the Executive Committee charged with its execution in the best possible manner. This action seems now most appropriate, as there are funds provided by the will of Her late Majesty Queen Emma, to be expended within the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

The Vice-President appointed the Hons. J. S. Walker, J. B. Atherton and H. A. Wideman the Visiting Committee for the ensuing quarter.

Surprise Presentation Party.
Mr. Warfel, until just now chief engineer of the steamer Mikahala, was on Monday p. m. 4th, summarily invited by telephone, at his shore quarters uptown, to attend a festivity vaguely described on board that vessel at the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company's wharf.

Capt. Freeman presided over the saloon table spread with good cheer, and besides the guest named above there were present Mr. W. H. McLean, treasurer, Mr. Keech, superintendent engineer, Mr. R. N. Webster, wharf shipping clerk, of the company; Mr. Ross, purser, and Mr. J. Wessner, second engineer, of the Mikahala, and representatives of the ADVERTISER and Bulletin.

The party were no sooner seated than Purser Ross arose and in a neat speech presented Mr. Warfel with a gold-headed cane, as a token of his shipmates' esteem from among their intercorse with him, and of their good wishes that would accompany him on his contemplated trip to the United States.

Mr. Warfel in accepting the gift expressed the great surprise he felt at receiving such a farewell compliment. He never dreamt that the friendship of his mates would have taken such a shape. With the heartiest feelings of reciprocity he accepted and would treasure the beautiful cane, the possession of which made him feel almost too proud to call on President Harrison.

Mr. Warfel's health was smilingly drunk, after which Capt. Freeman proposed that of the "Inter-Island Company" and Mr. Webster, "The Press." The members of the latter briefly thanked the company for the privilege of being witnesses to their ceremony of good wishes.

The cane bestowed on Mr. Warfel is a handsome one of ebony fitted with a sheath. Its gold head is artistically chased and inscribed in script as follows: "J. P. Warfel, from his shipmates, S. S. Mikahala, March 4, 1889." It was prepared and furnished to order by Messrs. Wenner & Co., and is a "shillelagh" fit for a king. Mr. Warfel came out from Philadelphia in the S. S. Mariposa of the Oceanic Line, and after a period of service as one of the engineers of that ship, was transferred to the Zealandia. As chief engineer he brought the S. S. Mikahala here from the Coast, remaining in that position ever since. The vessel is favorably known as the principal one running between here and Kauai. Mr. Warfel is one of those genial souls that make friends wherever they go, and the circle is a large one here of those who have enjoyed his never-failing cheerfulness and good-humor. Mr. Warfel leaves by his old boat, the S. S. Zealandia, next Saturday, and after a short stay in San Francisco will visit his former home in Pennsylvania.

MARRIAGE.

Mr. E. D. Tenney and Miss Rose Makee United in the Holy Bonds.

Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock Mr. E. D. Tenney, of the firm of Castle & Cooke, was married to Miss Rose Makee, daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. James Makee, the ceremony being impressively performed in the Anglican ritual by the Rev. Alexander Mackintosh in St. Andrew's Cathedral. Only very immediate friends of the contracting parties were present in the church, the general invitations issued having been but for a wedding reception at the residence of Mr. F. P. Hastings. The following invited witnesses to the religious rite were seated near the front before the hour announced: Hon. and Mrs. J. B. Atherton, Hon. and Mrs. W. R. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Castle, Miss Carrie Castle, Mrs. Dr. Herbert, Mrs. Noonan, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bowen, Mrs. Adele Cornwell, Miss Adele Cornwell, Mrs. Widdifield, Miss Adele Widdifield, Mrs. D. R. Vida and son.

Punctual to the moment the bridegroom entered and advanced to the altar, accompanied by Mr. E. F. Bishop, his best man. Mr. Wray Taylor saluted their entry with a wedding march finely played on the organ. After the lapse of a few minutes the bride entered leaning on the arm of her brother, Hon. Parker N. Makee, and attended by Miss Kitty Spalding, the bridesmaid. They were followed by Col. and Mrs. Z. S. Spalding and Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hastings, who took seats in the front of the church. The bride looked very lovely attired in a beautiful white brocade, silk dress with train, covered with a snow-white bridal veil surmounted by a pretty cluster of orange blossoms. It was difficult in the body of the church, owing to the lively breezes blowing through the open doors and windows, to hear the modulated tones in which the ritual was spoken, yet the bride's responses were perfectly audible to the farthest recesses of the cathedral. Mr. Makee gave the bride away and the whole ceremony was quiet and unassuming. The organist played soft music throughout, and as the party retired sounded out the march grandly.

Mr. and Mrs. Tenney made a handsome couple beyond the conventional expectations of the term. The bridegroom makes a new start in life in a double sense, as his marriage and his admission to the prominent commercial house above-mentioned have occurred on the same day.

OBITUARY.

Death and Burial of Simon Hardcastle.

Simon Hardcastle, an old and esteemed resident, died at the White House, Nuuanu avenue, early on Monday morning. He was a native of Yorkshire, England, and had lived in Canada and Australia, being a gold miner in the latter country. Mr. Hardcastle came to these islands in 1863, and gained employment first at the Honolulu Iron Works, under Mr. Hughes, afterward taking engagements as engineer on the Lahaina and Mr. Atong's plantations. He is well-known also as a constructing engineer on different plantations. Of thrifty habits, Mr. Hardcastle acquired an independent living, having devoted the last years of his life to quiet leisure. He was unmarried and about 66 years of age.

The late Mr. Hardcastle was a gentleman of exceedingly quiet habits, but a very intelligent man and a great reader. He spent a large portion of his time at the rooms of the Library and Reading Room Association, of which he was one of the earliest members. Every day, when in town, he could be seen in his accustomed place, going and coming, morning and afternoon, almost with the regularity of a clock.

The funeral took place to Nuuanu Cemetery at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Geo. Wallace officiated in the rites of the Anglican Church. The pall-bearers were Messrs. William Dean, Robert Grieve, E. S. Cunha, Edward Coffin, Phillips and J. H. Hare. Many beautiful floral offerings were contributed by lady relatives of the intimate friends of the departed Kamaaina. A goodly number of friends followed the remains to their last resting place.

Central Fire Station Site.
Under authorization of the Legislature His Excellency L. A. Thurston, Minister of the Interior, has effected negotiations for acquiring a site for a Central Fire Station. Mr. S. C. Allen conveys to the Government the Mossman lot, corner of Beretania and Fort streets, diagonally opposite Central Union Church, for the above purpose.

As this lot is scarcely large enough, the Government has taken steps to procure an adjoining slip of land from the Bishop Estate. The consideration given to Mr. Allen for the transfer of the above property is the Peirce lot on Queen street, containing the stone building formerly occupied by Mr. L. J. Levey as auction salesrooms. Mr. Allen, however, gives \$3,000 cash to buy in the bargain.

The new Central Fire Station to be erected on the site thus acquired will afford to the Fire Department the accommodation formerly required for the Bell Tower (or lookout and alarm station), and the houses of Engine Companies No. 2 and No. 4, Hook & Ladder Co. and Pacific Hose Co. (the last-named for some months defunct). These divisions of the brigade have occupied quarters of which the leases are all expired or soon expiring. The premises conveyed to Mr. Allen have been non-productive for a long time owing to the want of tenants or leases. As to the newly acquired site for the Fire Department's headquarters, it is probably as central as could be obtained in all the city plot. It is more convenient to Nuuanu Valley and also to the Kulaokahua Plains than the present Bell Tower.

Quick Coasting Voyage.
The schooner Moi Wahine left this port on Wednesday, February 20th, with lumber for Keaneae, Maui, and also for Kailua, South Kona, and Honokaa, Hamakua, Hawaii. From Honokaa she left for Kohala, where she received 1,900 bags sugar, and returned to Honolulu on Saturday, March 2nd, arriving off Diamond Head the following morning, but was held almost till Monday, March 4th, when she came into port, covering the round trip in twelve days, surprisingly quick trip.

CHINESE RESTRICTION.

Successful Working of the Act of the Special Session of 1887 and Amendments of 1888.

The ADVERTISER reporter being ushered into the inner sanctum of His Excellency Jona. Austin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and pleasantly invited to a seat by that gentleman, inquired: "Can you give me any information for the public regarding the working of the latest Chinese restriction legislation?"

"You may say that this morning I signed the second return permit issued to Chinese in the present year (1889)."

"It has become almost as if they had stopped applying for permits. The number of permits granted has been reducing steadily since the recent legislation went into operation. No permits were issued to outgoing Chinese passengers per bark Kalaikaua."

Mr. Austin here called the Secretary of the Foreign Office, Capt. Mist, R. N., who, at the Minister's request, produced memoranda of results of the restrictive legislation, of which the following is a summary:

During the year 1888 permits were issued, enabling departing Chinese to return to the Kingdom, to the number of 417, of which 220 were under the promulgated regulations of March 1st of that year.

There were 2,485 Chinese left the Kingdom during the year, all but two of this number since March 1st. The number of Chinese entered the Kingdom in 1888 was 933, being 956 men, 26 women and 11 children.

The excess of Chinese departures over arrivals was 1,492, of which 417 have leave to return. If the whole number that went away with return permits do avail themselves of their privilege, the net reduction of the Chinese population of the islands, directly through the operation of the restriction laws of the present Legislature, will still amount to 1,075.

Minister Austin, referring to the statistics, drew attention to the provision authorizing the Board of Immigration to make requisition for the issuance of special permits to Chinese for the country's labor requirements, and said:

"There has been no requisition under this clause as yet from the Board of Immigration."

Then, in regard to the privileges of admission and three months' residence to Chinese merchants:

Three merchants have obtained permits to enter since the Act's taking effect on March 1st.

Again, regarding privileges to authenticated applications for admission of religious teachers:

"Mr. Frank W. Damon has been granted one permit for a missionary teacher to enter."

"You may also say," added the Minister, "that the working of the provisions of the Act, with the regulations of March 1st, under its authority, has been almost free from expenses. About the only cost so far incurred has been that of printing new certificates."

The Minister having facetiously asked if he could get anything else from the reporter on that occasion, the latter thanked him for the important information obtained and, with a feeble attempt to conform to Lord Chesterfield's code, withdrew from the august atmosphere of foreign relations.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Caving-in of Rock—A Native Instantly Killed—A Japanese Prisoner Injured.

A sad accident happened at a quarry on the seaward side of the Ewa road at Kalihii, where the Road Bureau is deriving coral rock for covering the road, between 3 and 4 o'clock p. m. on the 4th inst. A high ledge of rock had been undermined by the workmen, including a gang of prisoners, when it suddenly caved in. An immense mass of rock was precipitated, burying beneath heavy boulders and a shower of fragments a native free workman named Mehoola, who at the moment of the catastrophe was standing within the right angle formed by the cliff. Two or three workmen besides the prisoners immediately began clearing the debris away to extricate the buried man, but when the work was executed it was found that the life had been crushed out of the victim. Dr. Rodgers, obeying a summons as quickly as possible from town, pronounced the man dead on his arrival. Deputy Marshal Hopkins, who reached the spot soon after, empanelled a jury to view the body of the victim and appointed the inquest for 9 o'clock next morning.

A Japanese prisoner was in the way of the falling fragments when the caving-in occurred, and was pinned against one side of the ledge by some of the boulders. He was soon released, in a severely and numerously bruised state, and, after receiving the immediate relief necessary and practicable on the spot, was ordered to the prison hospital by the doctor for further attentions at his hands. Having sustained no broken bones or apparent serious injury, the Japanese is expected to recover in due course.

Mehoola, who thus suddenly met death, came to Honolulu from Maui only a couple of weeks ago and had been living with friends at Kalihii. This was his first day at work in the employment mentioned, and then he engaged as a substitute for his brother who was ill. It is said that he leaves a wife, but beyond the fact that he was a young man his age has not been ascertained at this writing.

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THE MORNING STAR.

Arrival of the Mission Vessel—Report of Her Cruise.

The American missionary steam packet Morning Star, Captain G. F. Garland, arrived March 6th, thirty-five days from Truk, Caroline Islands, and was moored in her accustomed berth at the old Custom House wharf. She left this port on July 12, 1888, and, after a pleasant run of nineteen days, arrived at Kosae, where Miss Little was landed to take up her duties as school teacher there among the natives. The next port was Ponape, then Truk, where Mr. Snelling and supplies were landed.

From thence the Morning Star sailed for the Marshall Group, and, after cruising among the various islands for nearly seven weeks, proceeded for the Gilbert Islands, remaining there six weeks. From thence she proceeded for the Caroline Islands, arriving at Ponape; thence to Truk. Five weeks were occupied in cruising among the several little islands in the Caroline Group. The tribes of the Caroline Islands are still in constant warfare with each other.

In the Marshall Group, the Germans have succeeded in suppressing petty rebellions of the natives, and the islands are now enjoying peace. The Morning Star sailed from Truk, January 31st, arriving here March 6th, and had only thirty-seven hours' steaming on the homeward voyage. She brought as passengers Rev. M. Treiber, wife and child, Rev. Mr. Rand, Rev. Mr. Walkup and family, Miss Fletcher, Mrs. Cole and two children, a Yip boy and two girls, Sarah Edith Westward and Esther, who are going to the States for an education.

THE VOLCANO.

In Very Active Condition—Magnificent Displays.

A number of tourists, including a party from the U. S. S. Albat, have recently visited the crater of Kilauea, and all speak in glowing terms of the fine sights they have seen. Hon. Godfrey Brown, who went down into the crater lately, says that the "Little Elephant" cone, which has been described by late visitors, directly north of Dana Lake, has disappeared, and in its place is now a small lake, perhaps 150 feet in diameter, which is constantly in a very active state, boiling and spouting over its entire surface, the lava being only three or four feet below the surrounding rim. Visitors can go up to and stand on this rim of this new crater, and dip out the red molten lava, a feat which cannot always be done. Both Dana Lake and the Little Elephant Lake are now in full blast, and furnish to visitors one of the rarest and most beautiful sights of volcanic action, where they can go to the very edge of the boiling caldron, and see how Madame Pele carries on her attractive shows.

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Friday, December 14 Friday, December 21
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Friday, January 25 Friday, February 1
Tuesday, February 5 Tuesday, February 12
Friday, February 15 Friday, February 22
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